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SUBJ: RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORT OF GAS TO SA

1. POST HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY AN OFFICER OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN BUREAU OF STANDARDS (SABS) TO CLARIFY STATUS OF IMPORTATION OF HALON 1211 GAS INTO S.A. HE STATES HE IS NOW DRAWING UP SPECIFICATIONS FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AND FEELS "IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT WE CANNOT IMPORT AND WHAT WE CAN". HE STATES HALON 1211 IS WIDELY USED IN THE CIVILIAN FIRE EXTINGUISHER INDUSTRY BUT THAT THESE EXTINGUISHERS ARE ALSO USED ON MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND BY POLICE TO EXTINGUISH FIRES CAUSED BY RIOTS.

2. WE SUSPECT THE ANSWER TO HIS QUERY IS THAT THE GAS MAY CONTINUE TO BE IMPORTED FOR CIVILIAN PURPOSES BUT IMPORTERS MUST AGREE NOT TO SELL THE PRODUCT TO THE MILITARY OR POLICE. HOWEVER, GIVEN THAT THE ITEM IS SAFETY RELATED, WE REQUEST THE DEPARTMENTS RULING ON ANY IMPORT AND USE RESTRICTIONS THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED.

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